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SUBJECT: YEMEN RESPONSE TO THE STATUS OF PROTECTION OF
CHILDREN INSTRUMENTS

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Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Alan G. Misenheimer for Reasons 1.5 (b
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1. (U) Pol/E Deputy Chief delivered reftel demarche to Ambassador Ahmed al-Wan Mulhi, Chief of the Legal and International Conventions Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on June 3. Dr. Mulhi agreed that instruments to protect children were an important international effort. He noted that Yemen's ratification of ILO Convention No. 182 had resulted in the ROYG's strong cooperation with the ILO and IPEC on specific programs to combat child labor despite the widespread poverty in Yemen that causes it.

2. (U) Mulhi asked for the protocols on children in armed conflict and sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography in Arabic to facilitate efforts in the ROYG to sign and ratify. He said that because the parliament was new (constituted in May 2003), it could be some time before they could take up the protocols. Post will follow-up and report as necessary.

3. (U) Please advise if Arabic translations of the protocols are available.
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